

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending, with claims 1 and 9 being independent. Claims 1-15 are under consideration, and were rejected.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Yi et al. (Yi) (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/052596). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Notwithstanding the position taken by the Examiner, the U.S. filing date of Yi is September 16, 2002, which is after the filing date of July 31, 2002, of Korean Application No. 2002-45281, the Korean priority application of the present application. A certified copy of the Korean application was submitted on July 30, 2003, when the present application was filed, and receipt of the certified copy was acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action of April 26, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.55(a)(4) and MPEP 201.15, submitted herewith are an English translation of Korean Application No. 2002-45281 and a statement that the English translation is accurate to perfect the applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) and remove the availability of Yi as a reference against the claims of the present application.

Since Yi is no longer available as a reference against the claims of the present application, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Yi is moot, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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